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Rural District Council of Ellesmere.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health,

L. WILSON EVANS, M.C., M.B., D.P.H.

1939.

The Ellesmere Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

The Ministry of Health has directed that the usual Annual Report should not be compiled, but that an interim report should be made for the year 1939, and that the report should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year.

In conformity with these instructions the report is very considerably curtailed.

Your obedient servant,

L. WILSON EVANS.

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Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year.

Estimated Population	7058

	Total.	Male	Female
Live Births—Legitimate	99	62	37
Illegitimate	7	6	1
Total	106	68	38

Birth Rate	15 4
Birth Rate for Urban District	12.5
Birth Rate for England and Wales	15.0

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths	84	42	42

Death Rate Corrected	10.3
Death Rate Uncorrected	11 9
Death Rate for England and Wales	12.1

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth :—

From Sepsis	0
From other causes	1

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

	M	F		M	F		M	F
Legitimate ..	3	2	Illegitimate ..	1	0	Total ..	4	2
Still Births—Legitimate ..	2	3	Illegitimate ..	0	2	Total .	2	5

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	56

Deaths from :—

Cancer (all ages)	8
Measles (all ages)	0
Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	0
Diarrhoea (over two years of age)	0

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

Medical Officer : L. WILSON EVANS, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector : E. WILKINSON, M.I.M. and Cy.E., C.R.S I.

HOUSING.

Total number of houses erected during 1939 :—

(i) By Local Authority .. .. Nil.

(ii) By other bodies or persons .. 3

In September 1939 a Circular was issued from the Ministry of Health asking for Local Authorities not to continue work on houses in an early stage of construction, or start new foundations for houses, but to concentrate on those houses which were in an advanced stage of construction.

At the time the plans for 50 houses had been approved, of which 34 were in the course of erection.

Application for the completion of the 34 houses was granted by the Ministry, and the building of the remaining 16 where the foundations had not been started was indefinitely postponed.

Number of houses reconditioned under the Rural Workers' Housing Act 2

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

MEAT CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
All Diseases except Tuberculosis :—					
Whole Carcases condemned	—	101	—	18	108
Carcases of which some organ was condemned	—	44	—	—	—
Tuberculosis only :—					
Whole Carcases condemned	—	38	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	14	—	—	17

Prevalence of and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

There was an increase in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever due to an outbreak at a Private Institution in the district.

There was no increase in the prevalence of Infectious Disease as a result of the evacuation of children into the district.

Diphtheria Immunisation :

The Council approved a scheme of Diphtheria Immunisation in December. Two doses of Alum Precipitated Toxoid at an interval of four weeks to be given by the private practitioners.

In offering the parents of the children in the district this simple and efficient means of prevention, the Council has done its part, and it is hoped that the parents will avail themselves of the opportunity to protect their children from a serious disease.

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1939

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox ..		..	..
Scarlet Fever ..	23	5	..
Diphtheria ..	2	2	.
Enteric Fever (including Para-Typhoid)	..	..	..
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	..	..
Pneumonia ..	2	..	..
Measles ..	9	..	..
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	..	..	..
Erysipelas ..	3	..	..
Whooping Cough ..	5	..	..
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	..

The Notification of Measles and Whooping Cough was made compulsory throughout the Country in November.

Tuberculosis.

	Respiratory.						Non-Respiratory.					
	Notifications.		Sanatorium.		Deaths.		Notifications.		Sanatorium,		Deaths.	
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